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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
GROUP 2143
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: ALLEN et al.

Application: STORAGE AREA NETWORK MANAGEMENT AND CONFIGURATION
METHOD AND APPARATUS VIA ENABLING IN-BAND
COMMUNICATIONS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action made final and mailed October 21, 2004,
please amend the above-identified application as follows: